

**RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES**  
**601 W 3<sup>RD</sup> St.**  
**Rushville, IN 46173**

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, August 17, 2011  
The Utility Board met at City Utilities @ 5:00 P.M.

Phillip Starkey called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken. All other board members were present.

Board Members Present:

Phillip Starkey  
Brian Bess  
Michael Singleton  
John Collyer  
Tim Sheehan

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Ron Wilson	City Attorney

Tim Sheehan motioned to approve the board minutes from the July 20, 2011 meeting. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the financial report for the month of July. The Water Operating report showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 30.62 million gallons of water pumped, with 26.06 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 14 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 7 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 20 line locates. There were 48 connects and 36 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 3,030.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 30.44 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 2.2 inches of precipitation, for the month. There were 3 sewer complaints checked. There were 2,000 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints and there were 24,534 feet of sewer main cleaned for Preventive Maintenance. 18,900 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of July. There were no sewer taps made for the month. There were no dye tests ran. The sewer camera was utilized to check 600 feet of sewer main on North Main Street for INDOT.

Les told the board that the new tower was supposed to be in service by the first of this week, but the electrical communication between the new tower and the existing water tower is not completed yet. He did tell the board that the tower is full and ready to go and he is hopeful that it will be up and running by Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Gina Jenkins told the board that the office personnel brought a problem customer to her attention. Ryan Farley had an outstanding bill which was in his name and also his former girlfriend's name, but after complaining to the Mayor's office, Les Day was told to give him new service and have the board members decide whether Mr. Farley was responsible for the outstanding bill. Also, Mr. Farley's current girlfriend, Chelsea Lunn, who it was verified by the property owner, lives at his current address, also has an outstanding bill from a previous address. Her name was not put on the current account. After all of the information was presented, the board decided that both debts must be paid in full by Monday, August 22, 2011. The board also mentioned that if the full amount cannot be paid in that short period of time, a four month payment plan can be offered to Mr. Farley and Ms. Lunn. Otherwise, action will be taken to disconnect service.

Gina mentioned to the board that the On-Line billing program is underway.

Phil Starkey brought up the situation with Leroy Custer and the high consumption bill at 301 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street that had been tabled until more information could be obtained. Les told the board that the results on the meter register that had been sent to the factory for testing, came back that the register was working correctly. After discussion of the situation with Mr. Custer's tenant at the time of the high consumption, Brian Bess motioned to approve an adjustment for the sewer portion only of the high bill. Jon Collyer seconded the motion. The motion carried. A letter will be sent to Mr. Custer informing him of his adjustment for this bill.

Phil then discussed the revisions made to the City Utilities' Adjustment Policy by Ron Wilson's office. After discussion, a few more changes were made. Ron will have a new copy with the additional changes, typed and then e-mailed to all of the board members. This matter was tabled until the revised copy is completed and the board members can review it.

The rate increase was re-addressed from the July meeting. Les Day told everyone that he would put together a list of rates for the board members to review for the September meeting. This matter was tabled.

Jon Collyer told the board that he had checked the claims for the month. Jon motioned to approve the claims. Michael Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les said that he received another payment request from Caldwell Tanks, Inc. This would be payment #8 in the amount of \$15,750.00. Les asked Phil Starkey to sign the request so the payment could be made. The request was signed.

Michael Singleton told Les that he would like for him to set up another tour of the Water and Wastewater plants since the board has two new board members, Brian Bess and Jon Collyer. He also mentioned that during this tour, he would like for everyone to observe the security at both plants and see if there is a need to upgrade any security, due to recent break-in at another utility plant.

Brian Bess motioned to adjourn. Michael Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.